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**Subject: 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill, Otsego Township, Michigan  
(Operable Unit #4 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River  
Superfund Site)  
Progress Report for January Through March 2008**

Dear Michael:

In accordance with Paragraph 44 of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit #4 and the Plainwell, Inc., Mill, I am submitting the attached progress report for the period from January 7, 2008, through March 28, 2008, for the above-referenced site.

Please call me, at (253) 924-3746, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Weyerhaeuser Company

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Hale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Jennifer Hale  
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Attachment

cc: Paul Bucholtz - MDEQ (3 copies)  
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**Progress Report No. 1**  
**January 7, 2008, Through March 28, 2008**

**Remedial Design and Remedial Action for the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill**  
**(Operable Unit #4 of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site)**  
**Otsego Township, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted in accordance with Paragraph 44 of the Consent Decree for the Design and Implementation of Certain Response Actions at Operable Unit #4 and the Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property of the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Consent Decree).

1. Summary of Work Performed During the Current Reporting Period:

- On January 9, 2008, representatives of Weyerhaeuser, the U.S. EPA, and the MDEQ met via conference call to discuss the scope of the pre-design studies. A summary of this meeting was provided in Worksheet #9-4 of the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), which is Appendix A of the Draft Remedial Design (RD) Workplan.
- On January 15, Weyerhaeuser sent a letter to the U.S. EPA documenting its concerns with certain statements pertaining to the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill contained in the first site-wide Five-Year Review Report that was completed by the U.S. EPA in October 2007.
- On January 17, Weyerhaeuser submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the MDEQ for the 2002 Wetland Delineation Study report by Camp Dresser and McKee, and for certain documents referenced in the Five-Year Review Report related to the management of landfill gas at other operable units of the Kalamazoo River Superfund Site.
- On February 7, a Weyerhaeuser representative reviewed the MDEQ's files (in Lansing) for information responsive to the January 17, FOIA request, and requested copies of certain documents.
- On February 20, Weyerhaeuser submitted the Draft RD Workplan to the U.S. EPA and the MDEQ, in conformance with Paragraph 28b of the Consent Decree. The Draft RD Workplan also included a Health and Safety Plan for the proposed pre-design field investigation, in conformance with Paragraph 28a of the Consent Decree. The Health and Safety Plan was presented as Appendix C of the Draft RD Workplan.
- On March 10, the U.S. EPA sent a letter to Weyerhaeuser responding to Weyerhaeuser's January 15, 2008, letter pertaining to the Five-Year Review Report.
- During the week of March 17, the MDEQ provided the information requested by Weyerhaeuser's representative during the file review conducted on February 7.
- Weyerhaeuser continued due diligence activities needed to complete the acquisition of the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill property from Plainwell, Inc.

2. Summary of Data Collected During the Current Reporting Period:

- No data were collected during the current reporting period.

3. Summary of Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan (completed during the current reporting period and anticipated during the next period):
  - No activities were undertaken during the current reporting period, and none are anticipated during the next period.
4. Summary of Any Modifications to the Workplans or Other Schedules Proposed To, or Approved By, the U.S. EPA:
  - Weyerhaeuser received comments from the U.S. EPA on the Draft RD Workplan on March 26, 2008. Weyerhaeuser's response to these comments is due within 30 days of the U.S. EPA's letter. Weyerhaeuser will submit a Revised RD Workplan by April 25, 2008.
5. Summary of Problems Encountered During the Current Reporting Period:
  - None.
6. Summary and Schedule of Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period (April, May, and June 2008):
  - In April or May, as weather and field conditions permit, Weyerhaeuser will inspect the condition of the erosion protection and sidewall containment measures that were installed along the eastern slope of the landfill in 2007 as part of the Emergency Action for erosion that may have occurred as a result of runoff of snowmelt and spring rain events. Repairs, including reseeded of the cover as may be needed, and will be implemented as field conditions and weather allow.
  - Weyerhaeuser plans to submit the Revised RD Workplan, including a comment/response document, by April 25, 2008.
  - Consistent with the Proposed RD/RA Schedule (Figure 8 of the Draft RD Workplan), Weyerhaeuser anticipates conducting the pre-design field activities during the first two weeks of June, and beginning development of the draft Design Report in mid-June, assuming the approval of the revised RD Workplan by U.S. EPA within approximately 30 days of receipt.
  - Weyerhaeuser anticipates that it will complete its acquisition of the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill property from Plainwell, Inc.
7. Anticipated Problems Associated with Work During the Next Period:
  - None.
8. Planned Resolution of Past or Anticipated Problems:
  - None are needed.
9. Other Relevant Information:
  - None.